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## IMPROVEMENTS IN RAILROAD OPERATIONS

**SUMMER SCHEDULE INTRODUCED** -- *kommunist Tadjhikistana*, No 73, 15 Apr 49

The Stalinabad railroad station, together with the whole USSR railroad network, will operate on a summer schedule, beginning 15 April. The fast train to Moscow will depart from Stalinabad twice a week, on Wednesdays and Sundays, at 0504 Moscow time. The fast train from Moscow will arrive in Stalinabad on Tuesdays and Fridays, at 1845 Moscow time.

The Stalinabad-Tashkent mail train will leave Stalinabad 4 times a week, on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 1510 Moscow time. The mail train from Tashkent will arrive in Stalinabad on the same days, at 0713 Moscow time. Each of the trains will include two direct cars, one to Krasnovodsk and the other, a four-axle car, to Leninabad.

Departure and arrival of the Stalinabad-Denau suburban train has also been changed. The train will leave Stalinabad daily at 1725 Moscow time and will arrive in Stalinabad daily at 0420 Moscow time.

The local train from Stalinabad to Yangi-Bazar will make two round trips daily, leaving Stalinabad daily at 0200 and 1330 Moscow time and arriving in Stalinabad at 0640 and 1820 Moscow time.

MOSCOW LINE GETS DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES -- Pravda, No 107, 17 Apr 49

Diesel locomotives built in the Kaarkov Plant of Ministry of Transport-Machine Building have been put into operation on the Moscow line. The depot has been equipped for repairing of these locomotives. The locomotives will be used on suburban trains on the Moscow-Serpukhov line; it is estimated that the changeover of locomotives on this line will save, annually, fuel worth about 11 million rubles. The new locomotives are also being used on the Moscow-Skuratovo line.

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SHUNTING LOCOMOTIVES GET RADIOS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 64, 2 Apr 49

All shunting locomotives of the Karaganda Sorting Station have been equipped with radios to facilitate communication between dispatchers and locomotive crews during shunting operations.

RAILROAD INSTALLATIONS TO GET RADIO FACILITIES -- Gudok, No 48, 22 Apr 49

The Collegium of the Ministry of Transportation and the Presidium of the Trade Unions Central Committee have called for the radiofication of all line (lineynyye) stations and maintenance sheds by 1949-1950. This proposal calls for the radiofication of 3,523 way stations and shunting stations, 6,833 dormitories, and 7,488 maintenance sheds in 1949, and 3,568 stations and shunting stations, 6,559 dormitories, and 7,491 maintenance sheds in 1950.

1,578 FREIGHT CARS REPAIRED -- Gudok, No 48, 22 Apr 49

During the past 2 months, railroad repair workers have put into operation 1,578 freight cars after capital and plant repair.

SOUTHERN RAILROAD SAVES FUEL -- Trud, No 89, 16 Apr 49

During the first quarter of 1949, fuel economy in the Southern Railroad System amounted to 62,000 tons. Workers of the Poltava Depot saved 11,500 tons, workers of the Belgorod Depot, 11,200 tons, and workers of the Osmova Depot, 8,000 tons.

Workers of the system have pledged to save 110,000 tons of fuel during 1949.

RAIL TRAVEL FROM MOSCOW IMPROVED -- Gudok, No 48, 22 Apr 49

Improved train connections from Moscow are provided by the new summer schedule. The train to Vladivostok will be 13 hours faster than before. A train leaving the Yaroslavl' Station in Moscow will pass through Ivanovo, Shuya, and Vladimir, and will return to the Kursk station in Moscow. A new route to Murmansk, by way of Leningrad, will cut 6 hours off traveling time. The "Red Arrow" express to Leningrad will take 12 instead of 13 hours.

NEW HUMPING METHOD SPEEDS CAR TURNOVER -- Gudok, No 46, 17 Apr 49

A new method of humping railroad cars enabled the Nizhnedneprovsk humping yard to make up 577 trains in March 1949, 257 trains more than in February 1949. During March, 3,040 car-hours were saved, delay of cars in transit was cut by 2 hours per car, and delay in the arrival yard was cut in half. The cost of breaking and making up trains has been cut from 1,840 rubles 37 kopeks to 1,329 rubles 73 kopeks per 1,000 cars.

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